



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
SUPERFUND SITE STRATEGY RECOMMENDATION - REGION 06



Site Name: Section 24 Mine - NM0016

CERCLIS ID#: N/A

Alias Site Name: Section 24 & 26, Mine No. 24

Address: Latitude 35 degrees 25'20.48" Longitude 107 degrees 52'08.90"

City/County or Parish/State/Zip: McKinley County, New Mexico

Report Type: Pre-CERCLIS Screening

Date: 10/31/11

Author: NMED

RECOMMENDATION:

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. No Further Remedial Action Planned Under Superfund (NFRAP)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Further Investigation Needed Under Superfund <table border="0"><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> PA</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> HRS</td><td>Priority: <input type="checkbox"/> High</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> SI</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> RI/FS</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Low</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> ESI</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> RA</td><td></td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</td><td colspan="2"></td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">To be performed by: _____</td></tr></table>	<input type="checkbox"/> PA	<input type="checkbox"/> HRS	Priority: <input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> SI	<input type="checkbox"/> RI/FS	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> ESI	<input type="checkbox"/> RA		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			To be performed by: _____		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Action Deferred to: <input type="checkbox"/> RCRA <input type="checkbox"/> NRC <input type="checkbox"/> BLM																
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Site Being Addressed Under the State Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																

NOTIFY AUTHORITY:

<input type="checkbox"/> Removal	<input type="checkbox"/> RCRA	<input type="checkbox"/> TSCA	<input type="checkbox"/> CAA	<input type="checkbox"/> SMCRA
<input type="checkbox"/> Remedial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State/Tribe	<input type="checkbox"/> NPDES	<input type="checkbox"/> NRC	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Trustee: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> CERCLA Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> UIC	<input type="checkbox"/> SPCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
SEND SSSR COPIES TO: <input type="checkbox"/> 6SF-AC <input type="checkbox"/> 6WQ-SP <input type="checkbox"/> ATSDR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Agency				

DISCUSSION:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) used operational history to develop a pre-CERCLIS screen for the Section 24 Mine site. The mine operated as a wet mine and records indicate that during mine operations, solution mining occurred (i.e., mine water was recirculated through the mine to further leach uranium). The surface facilities and main shaft are located on approximately 26 acres of disturbed surface on Section 22 and the underground workings covered most of Section 24 and a portion of Section 26.

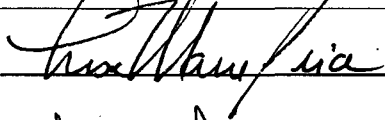
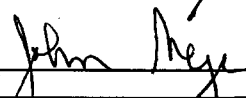
Mine reclamation is being required pursuant to the New Mexico Mining Act, and investigation into the impacts from the discharge of mine water and solution mining is being required pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission regulations.

NMED recommended that no further action be taken under CERCLA at the Section 24 Mine site due to on-going remedial activities pursuant to New Mexico regulations. EPA concurs with this recommendation.



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APPROVALS:

Report Reviewed by:	<u>Lisa Marie Price</u> (Site Assessment Manager)	Signature:	<u></u>	Date:	<u>12/13/11</u>
Disposition Approved by:	<u>John Meyer</u> (Section Chief 6SF-TR)	Signature:	<u></u>	Date:	<u>12/20/11</u>